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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Hiroyasu Abe et al.

Application No.: 10/624,486

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Filed: July 23, 2003

Art Unit: 1774

For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING WOOD  
ELEMENTS FOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,  
WOOD ELEMENTS FOR MUSICAL  
INSTRUMENTS OBTAINED THEREBY, AND  
MUSICAL INSTRUMENT THEREWITH

Examiner: M. L. Dixon

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

## FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ If checked, Small Entity status is claimed

	No. Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra Present		Rate	Additional Fee
Total	13	MINUS	13**	=	0	X		\$0.00
Indep.	4	MINUS	4**	=	0	X		\$0.00
First presentation of multiple dependent claim(s)						X		\$
TOTAL								\$0.00

\* not less than 20

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